Cases Pending in C.A.T.

6458. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of the railway employees pending in these C.A.T. and since when these are pending;

(b) the number of cases in which orders of the C.A.T. were to implemented and the contempt proceedings had to be filed thereon;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to decide those cases expeditiously; and

(d) the steps taken to implement the orders of the C.A.T.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Role of Department of Tourism, Tourism Development Council etc.

6459. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY :
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the India Tourism Development Corporation Department of Tourism, Tourist Development Council, State Tourist Departments and Corporations, Indian Embassies abroad and other private agencies working towards the Development of Tourism the Country;

(b) whether there has been any deviation in the specific role assigned to different bodies/agencies in the subsequent years, till March, 1991;

(c) if so, the reasons and justification therefor;

(d) wether the Union Government maintained any coordination among these bodies/agency to avoid over-lapping in role and activities of each while maintaining healthy competition ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Both Central Department of Tourism and State Tourism Departments are responsible for development and promotion of Tourism in the country. In order to supplement the efforts, the State Tourism, Corporations and ITDC perform the role of expansion and development of various facilities. The overseas offices of the Department of Tourism, Embassies and other Consulates are primarily responsible for the promotion of international tourism to India.

The Ministry of Tourism from time to time have also appointed Advisory Bodies like Tourism Development Council Tourism Think Tank, etc. to advise the Government in the Development and promotion of tourism in the country.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). All these organisations supplement the efforts of each other in the development and promotion of tourism in the country.

[*Translation*]

Transfer of Ranger Helicopter to Aparna Aviation

6460. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Bell Jet Ranger Helicopter was gifted under the United Nations Development Programme for conducting survey of forests resources;

(b) if so, the details there of;

(c) whether there was any agreement to transfer this he opter from Vayudoot to M/s Aparna Aviation after taking rupees one lakh;

(d) if so, the terms on which it has been given to M/s Aparna Aviation and how the balance amount will be recovered from the Company;

(e) whether the Pawan Hans Limited had demanded this helicopter before the agreement; and

(f) if so, the reason for not giving it to the Pawan Hans Limited?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):(a) and (b). A Bell Jet Ranger Helicopter VT=DYP was procured in 1967 by the Government in the Ministry of Agriculture under UNDP assistance for Pre-Investment Survey of Forest Resources. On completion of the Project, the ownership of this Helicopter was transferred to the then Directorate of Agro=Aviation, Ministry of Agriculture in 1976. This Helicopter was then transferred to Vayudoot alongwith the transfer of functions and assets of the then Directorate of Agro=Aviation under the Ministry of Agriculture. The ownership of the helicopter now vests with Vayudoot.

(c) and (d) Vayudoot Limited have entered into an agreement with M/s Aparna Aviation to hire out the helicopter on dry lease basis for a period of one year from the date of the commencement of lease, against a payment of Rs. 20 lakhs to be recovered, in equal monthly instalments, in advance.A sum of Rs. 1 lakh has already been paid to Vayudoot Limited, by way of advance. The certificate of airworthiness of the helicopter is yet to be renewed.

(e) and (f) . Yes, Sir. Pawan Hans Limited were interested in the wet lease of the helicopter. The terms offered by Pawan Hans were not found acceptable by Vayudoot Limited.

[*English*]

Safety for Workers at Bombay High Platforms

6461. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI :
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA :

Will Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Bombay High officer missing" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated August 8, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the efforts made or are likely to be made to trace the person, and

(d) the number of such incidents in the past and the measures taken to safeguard the lives of the workers working on the Bombay High Off-shore Platforms?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c): Shri Ajay Kumar Gupta, Assistant Executive Engineer (Mechanical), ONGC who was on 14 day